GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:83
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WOMEN PARTNERSHIP IN PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of women partnership has increased after implementation of Panchayati Raj System in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation of qualitative changes in Panchayats after augmentation of women partnership; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Article 243D of the Constitution provides that not less than one- third of the total number of seats in every Panchayat shall be reserved for women including Chairpersons in every Panchayats and such seat may be allotted by rotation to different Constituencies/ Panchayats at each level. The percentage of women representatives in Panchayats as on 01.11.2006 is as under:-

Panchayat Level	Number Elected Representa- tives	Elected Women Representatives	Women %
District Panchayats	539	15,231	5,817 38.2
Intermediate Panchayats	6,103	1,56,150	58,418 37.4
Village Panchayats	2,33,886	26,10,912	9,78,047 37.5

The State wise break up of Elected Women Representatives as on 01.11.2006 is placed at enclosed Annexure.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, arrangements are being made to conduct a detailed study of the role of women in Panchayati Raj and to qualitative impact of their participation. The evaluation is expected to be completed next year.

Annexure

No. of Panchayats, Elected Representatives and Elected Women Representatives in three tiers of Panchayat Raj System - State-wise as on 01.11.2006

Gram Panchayats

Sl.No.	Name of States	Number of Panchayat	Elected Representative Number	Elected Women Representative Percent
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21913	208291	68736 33.0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1639	6485	2561 39.5
3.	Assam	2487	23453	8977 38.3
4.	Bihar	8463	117397	64152 54.6
5.	Chhattisgarh	9820	157250	53045 33.7
6.	Goa	189	1450	438 30.2
7	Gujarat	13819	109209	36403 33.3
8.	Haryana	6187	66256	23897 36.1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3243	25352	8483 33.5
10.	Jharkhand	3746		
11.	Karnataka	5652	91402	39318 43.0

12. Kerala 999 16139 6020 37.3
13. Madhya Pradesh 23051 388829 131671 33.9
14. Maharashtra 28553 177646 77548 43.7
15. Manipur 165 1707 625 36.6
16. Orissa 6234 93781 33602 35.8
17. Punjab 12443 88132 30875 35.0
18. Rajasthan 9188 113637 40044 35.2
19. Sikkim 166 905 366 40.4
20. Tamil Nadu 12618 109308 36824 33.7
21. Tripura 513 5352 1852 34.6
22. Uttar Pradesh 52000 703294 273229 38.8
23. Uttaranchal 7227 53988 20482 37.9
24. West Bengal 3354 49545 18150 36.6

Union Territories

25. A&N Islands 67 759 261 34.4
26. Chandigarh 17 162 53 32.7
27. D & N Haveli 11 114 45 39.5
28. Daman & Diu 14 77 30 39.0
29. Lakshadweep 10 79 30 38.0
30. Pondicherry 98 913 330 36.1

Total 233886 2610912 978047 37.5

Panchayat Samiti

Sl.No. Name of States Number of Elected Elected Women
Panchayat Representative Representative
Number Percent

1. Andhra Pradesh 1095 14617 4919 33.7
2. Arunachal Pradesh 136 1639 577 35.2
3. Assam 203 2148 791 36.8
4. Bihar 531 11537 5671 49.2
5. Chhattisgarh 146 2977 1005 33.8
6. Goa
7. Gujarat 224 4161 1394 33.5
8. Haryana 119 2833 962 34.0
9. Himachal Pradesh 75 1667 559 33.5
10. Jharkhand 211
11. Karnataka 176 3683 1519 41.2
12. Kerala 152 2004 748 37.3
13. Madhya Pradesh 313 7164 2393 33.4
14. Maharashtra 349 2877 1407 48.9
15. Manipur
16. Orissa 314 6227 2188 35.1
17. Punjab 140 2760 922 33.4
18. Rajasthan 237 5494 2108 38.4
19. Sikkim
20. Tamil Nadu 385 6570 2319 35.3
21. Tripura 23 299 106 35.5
22. Uttar Pradesh 820 65668 24673 37.6
23. Uttaranchal 95 3152 1133 35.9
24. West Bengal 341 8483 2953 34.8

Union Territories

25. A&N Islands 7 67 25 37.3
26. Chandigarh 1 15 6 40.0
27. D & N Haveli
28. Daman & Diu
29. Lakshadweep
30. Pondicherry 10 108 40 37.0

Total 6103 156150 58418 37.4

Zilla Panchayats

Sl.No.	Name of States	Number of Elected Panchayat Representative	Elected Women Representative	
			Number	Percent
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	1095	364	33.2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	14	136	45	33.1
3.	Assam	21	390	135	34.6
4.	Bihar	38	1157	577	49.9
5.	Chhattisgarh	16	321	109	34.0
6.	Goa	2	50	15	30.0
7	Gujarat	25	817	274	33.5
8.	Haryana	19	384	135	35.2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	12	251	86	34.3
10.	Jharkhand	22			
11.	Karnataka	27	1005	373	37.1
12.	Kerala	14	339	125	36.9
13.	Madhya Pradesh	48	884	304	34.4
14.	Maharashtra	33	1423	658	46.2
15.	Manipur	4	61	21	34.4
16.	Orissa	30	854	296	34.7
17.	Punjab	17	315	103	32.7
18.	Rajasthan	32	1040	391	37.6
19.	Sikkim	4	100	32	32.0
20.	Tamil Nadu	29	656	227	34.6
21.	Tripura	4	82	28	34.1
22.	Uttar Pradesh	70	2698	1122	41.6
23.	Uttaranchal	13	360	119	33.1
24.	West Bengal	18	720	246	34.2
	Union Territories				
25.	A&N Islands	1	30	10	33.3
26.	Chandigarh	1	10	3	30.0
27.	D & N Haveli	1	11	4	36.4
28.	Daman & Diu	1	20	7	35.0
29.	Lakshadweep	1	22	8	36.4
30.	Pondicherry				
	Total	539	15231	5817	38.2